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TAGS: OVIP (KISSINGER, HENRY A.)

SUBJECT: RESPONSE TO PRIME MINISTER BHUTTO

REF: ISALAMABAD 1400

1. PLEASE CONVEY FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM THE SECRETARY TO PRIME MINISTER BHUTTO.

2. BEGIN MESSAGE: DEAR MR. PRIME MINISTER: THANK YOU FOR YOUR MESAGE WHICH UNFORTUNABELY MISSED ME IN CAIRO BUT WAS CONVEYED TO ME BY OUR CHARGE IN ISLAMABAD. I VERY MUCH APPRECIATE YOUR HAVING WRITTING TO PRESIDENT SADAT IN SUPPORT OF OUR PRESENT EFFORTS TO NEGOTIATE A FURTHER STEP IN THE PROCESS TOWARD PEACE IN THE MIDDLE EAST. I FOUND PRESIDENT SADAT AS DETERMINED AS EVER TO CINTINUE TO PURSUE THE SEARCH FOR PEACE ALONG THE LINES I HAVE PREVIOUSLY DESCRIBED TO YOU.

I ALSO MET WITH PRESIDENT ASAD IN DAMASCUS AND SOUTH TO ASSURE HIM THAT WE DO NOT ENVISION A SETTLEMENT FROM WHICH SYRIA WOULD BE EXCLUDED -- A CONCERN THAT IS OBVIOUSLY VERY MUCH ON HIS MIND.

WHIILE DIFFICUTL NEGOTIATIONS STILL LIE AHEAD, I BELIEVE ON THE BASIS OF MY MEETINGS WITH THE ISRAELIS AND IN THE PRINCIPAL ARAB CAPITALS CONCERNED THAT THERE SECRET

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IS A PROSPECT OF ACHIEVING FURTHER AGREEMENT IN THE

WEEKS IMMEDIATELY AHEAD. I PLAN TO RETURN TO THE MIDDLE EAST IN THE FIRST PART OF MARCH IN A MAJOR EFFORT TO HELP THE PARTIES BRIDGE THE DIFFERENCES IN THEIR POSITIONS. AS WE APPROACH THE NEXT CRUCIAL STAGE IN THE NEGOTIATING PROCESS, I WILL BE STRENGTHENED BY THE WORDS OF ENCOURAGEMENT AND SUPPORT THAT YOU HAVE SENT ME.

WARM PERSONAL REGARDS. HENRY A. KISSINGER END MESSAGE. KISSINGER

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